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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION RENEWS CALL FOR ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROCESSIONS

1. PAKISTAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE FRUSTRATION WITH SLOW PACE
OF NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER BOILED OVER YESTERDAY
AS OPPOSITION CONDEMNED PM FOR DELAYING TACTICS AND CALLED
FOR NATION-WIDE PROCESSIONS ON FRIDAY MAY 6.

2. AFTER HECTIC DAY OF MEETINGS AMONG OPPOSITION LEADERS
AND REPORTS OF A LETTER FROM THE PRIME MINISTER TO MUFTI
MAHMUD AND A REPLY BACK TO THE PM, PNA SPOKESMAN MET WITH
PRESS LATE EVENING MAY THIRD. SPOKESMAN SAID THAT THE
OPPOSITION WILL NO LONGER TOLERATE THE GOVERNMENT'S DELAYING
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TACTICS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE PNA AND BHUTTO HAVE EXCHANGED
SEVERAL PROPOSALS ON NEGOTIATIONS, BUT PM STATES THERE
HAVE BEEN NO NEW PROPOSALS, THEREBY PROVING HE IS NOT
SERIOUS ABOUT REACHING AGREEMENT.

3. SPOKESMEN ADDED THAT PNA'S "FINAL" POSITION INCLUDES
FIVE POINTS. LIFT THE EMERGENCY, RELEASE OF ALL POLITICAL

PRISONERS, DISSOLVE THE SPECIAL TRIBUNALS, DISSOLVE THE NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLIES AND HOLD NEW ELECTIONS UNDER ARMY AND JUDICIARY SUPERVISION, BHUTTO RESIGN BUT HE CAN THEN BE IMMEDIATELY RENAMED PRIME MINISTER HEADING AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT WITH PNA REPRESENTATION. OPPOSITION HAS ALSO CALLED FOR "PEACEFUL PROCESSIONS" THROUGHOUT THE COOUNTRY FRIDAY, MAY 6, WNUCH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS "MARTYRS' DAY." PNA SPOKESMAN, IN RESPONSE TO QUERY, SAID THAT OPPOSITION WAS FULLY AWARE THAT PROCESSIONS IN KARACHI, LAHORE AND HYDERABAD WILL BE IN VIOLATION OF MARTIAL LAW, BUT THEY WILL BE HELD ANYWAY.

4. SPOKESMAN ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PNA HEADQUARTERS ARE BEING MOVED BACK TO LAHORE. HE IMPLIED THE MAIN OFFICE WAS MOVED TEMPORARILY TO PINDI TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE PM, BUT SINCE BHUTTO IS NOT SINCERE IN HIS DESIRE FOR A SETTLEMENT, THE PNA HEADQUARTERS WILL MOVE BACK TO THE HEART OF THE STRUGGLE-THE PUNJABI CAPITAL.

5. TWELVE YOUNG DEMONSTRATORS HELD A "DILENT VIGIL" IN FRONT OF RAWALPINDI AMERICAN CENTER YESTERDAY TO PROTEST AMERICAN INTERFERENCE IN PAKISTANI AFFAIRS. VIGIL WAS PEACEFUL AND BUSINESS OF CENTER WAS NOT DISRUPTED. POLICE HAVE TOLD RSO THAT ANOTHER SMALL DEMONSTRATION-WITH ABOUT A DOZEN PEOPLE-WILL PROBABLY BE HELD AT EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT TWO DAYS. DEMONSTRATION REPORTEDLY WILL BE PEACEFUL AND PARTICIPANTS WILL HAVE PETITION WHICH WE WILL ACCEPT. POLICE HAVE ALSO HEARD RUMORS OF PLANS OF LARGER PROCESSION TO EMBASSY WHICH, IF IT OCCURS, THEY WILL STOP SEVERAL
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